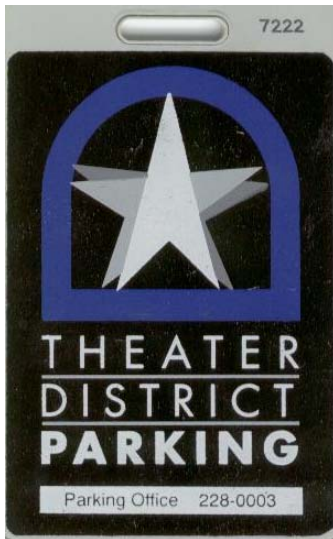


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February is Black History Month

In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson launched "Negro History Week," which later became "Black History Month," as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of black people throughout American history.

Woodson, the son of former slaves, spent his childhood working in the Kentucky coal mines and enrolled in high school at age 20. He graduated within two years and later went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. Woodson was disturbed to find in his studies that history books largely ignored the black American population— and when blacks did figure into the picture, it

was generally in ways that reflected the inferior social position they were assigned at the time.

Woodson chose the second week of February for "Negro History Week" because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the American black population, Fredrick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.



However, February has much more than Douglass and Lincoln to show for its significance in black American history. The birth of W.E. B. DuBois,

an important civil rights leader and co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or NAACP, which was "born" forty-one years later in 1909, also in February.

Other important occurrences in black American history taking place in February include the passing of the 15th Amendment, which granted blacks the right to vote; the first black U.S. senator, Hiram R. Revels took his oath of office; and Malcolm X, the militant leader who promoted Black Nationalism, was shot to death by three black Muslims.

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You spoke out, We listened

In January's edition, we gave our Access Card holders a chance to "speak out" and tell us what was on their minds.

We were delighted at the number of responses that were returned and we are glad that *Access Granted*

has been so well received.

We will be taking all suggestions into consideration and updating you all on our progress in the coming issues of *Access Granted*.

For those of you that did not get the chance to

"speak out," simply log on to www.theaterdistrictparking.org, download a copy of January's edition, and turn in your written response to our parking office, Car Butler or a booth cashier.

Rodeo Days Are Here

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will be making its first appearance in the new Reliant Stadium beginning in late February and the festivities leading up to this event will be beginning in the weeks prior.

The **Theater District Parking Garage** will be impacted by preliminary events such as the Go Texan Breakfast and Rodeo Parade Viewing Party, which will be held on Jones Plaza beginning at 9 a.m., and the Conoco Rodeo Fun Run, which will kick-off early in the morning at the adjacent Fish Plaza, located in front of the Wortham Center.

These events, along with the

annual Rodeo Parade, will take place in downtown Houston on February 22.

Access Card holders should be aware that there will be many street closures and alternate routes before and during the Rodeo Parade, which is slated to start at 10 a.m.



Access Granted and the **Theater District Parking Management team** suggests staying clear of Smith Street, Texas Avenue, and Bagby

Street during these events. Use Rusk Street or Prairie Street to enter the **Theater District Parking Garage**.

For more information regarding the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, **Access Card holders** can log on to www.hlsr.com.



Just the FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q: What is the "Parker Of The Month?"

A: The Parker of the Month is one **access card holder** that was chosen randomly by our management staff. The Parker of the Month will receive use of a parking space designated exclusively for them and a free car wash from our Car Butler car wash service.

Q: Where can I find out more information on the Theater District?

A: You can access information about the Theater District by logging on to www.theaterdistrict.org. This website will provide you information about all the facilities located in the Theater District.

Q: Why was I charged after I let someone exit the garage?

A: Cards must be used in sequence. They must be used in an in/out/in order. If you choose to let someone out with your card, you are responsible to pay for the ticket they had pulled to enter the garage.

